

RESOLUTION NO. 12-984

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Nick's Ristorante, a Northern Italian Steakhouse, owned and operated by Nick and Sherry Mikus and Nick's brother David, located at 10300 Bailey Cove Road has been selected by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association as one of the Five Best Steakhouses in all of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, during the month of October, members of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association visited Nick's to taste and evaluate the steaks, service, ambiance, cleanliness, overall quality and standards of operation at the only steakhouse in North Alabama to be considered for the award among the final five establishments; and,

WHEREAS, Nick, David and their siblings Anna Marie and Anthony were the children of Army Colonel (Retired) Nicholas Michael Mikus, Sr., and their mother, Mary Jane. Nick and David always wanted to operate their own restaurant, and discussed their dream many times with their mother. She was their most avid, enthusiastic supporter and source of encouragement. Nick joined the U. S. Army and David worked in the trucking business until Nick retired and asked David to join him in Huntsville to realize their lifelong dream of 35 years; and,

WHEREAS, Nick is a career soldier with over 44 years of service in the United States Army. He and Sherry have traveled and visited the best restaurants around the world, and want to share their experiences with visitors and patrons to the ristorante. Nick retired at Redstone Arsenal and decided to open a restaurant where he, Sherry and David could develop a unique menu based on second and third generation family recipes from their grandmothers and submit same to a talented and trained chef. An adjoining cigar bar was included in the plans for the ristorante, where they could visit with other military friends and cigar aficionados. Nick and Sherry are host/hostess and managers and welcome all guests to join them as if in their own home. David is an integral part of the ristorante, and ensures the staff is well prepared to provide the best in food, drink, service and atmosphere to their visitors and patrons.; and,

WHEREAS, Nick and Sherry are the parents of two daughters, Natalie and Tiffany, and grandparents of Natalie's son Ryan. David and wife Catherine are the parents of three daughters, Merissa Ann, Jessica Lynn, Kristina Marie, and grandparents of McKenzie, Haley, Ellie and Kaden. Although the families don't have the opportunity to visit often, the children are extremely proud of their parents' success and accomplishment of their lifelong dream in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Nick's Ristorante welcomes guests 19 years and older Tuesday through Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., and in the lounge from

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5:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. Certified Angus Beef brand, the finest aged beef, is the 'specialty of the house,' with fresh catch available every week, vegetables, Italian specialties and an incomparable in-house prepared dessert menu. The bar is 'cigar friendly' and sports a humidor for cash donations. The donations are then used to purchase cigars to send to our armed forces in Afghanistan as a token of appreciation of their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we wish to recognize Nick, Sherry and David Mikus of Nick's Ristorante for their contribution to fine dining enjoyment in our city, and having achieved the recognition of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association as the Best Steakhouse in Northern Alabama in less than two years in business. We wish you continued success in providing culinary excellence to the citizens of Huntsville and surrounding area, and extend best wishes in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of November, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 15th day of November, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama